

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (original) An image processing apparatus having a function of connecting to the other apparatus;  
a switch adapted to connect or disconnect a power input unit and a power circuit;  
and  
a power controller adapted to control said switch by using electric power supplied from the other apparatus.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said power input unit comprises a connector adapted to connect an AC power supply.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch on the basis of an instruction given by the other apparatus.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

a main controller adapted to give an instruction concerning control of said switch to said power controller,

wherein said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch on the basis of the instruction given by said main controller.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising

a main controller adapted to give an instruction concerning control of said switch to said  
power controller,

wherein said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch on the basis of  
the instruction given by said main controller and an instruction given by the other apparatus.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 5,  
wherein said main controller ~~operates~~ is configured to operate by using electric power supplied  
from said power circuit.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 5,  
wherein said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch to a connected state  
on the basis of the instruction given by the other apparatus, and ~~controls~~ is configured to control  
said switch to a disconnected state on the basis of the instruction given by said main controller  
and the instruction given by the other apparatus.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising

a notifying unit adapted to notify the other apparatus of whether a predetermined  
operation is executable,

wherein said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch on the basis of  
an instruction given by the other apparatus in response to the notification by said notifying unit.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch to the disconnected

state on the basis of an instruction given by the other apparatus when a state in which a predetermined operation is unexecutable continues for not less than a predetermined time.

Claim 10 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said main controller ~~determines~~ is configured to determine, on the basis of information given by the other apparatus, whether the other apparatus is able to execute a predetermined operation, and gives an instruction concerning control of said switch to said power controller on the basis of the determination.

Claim 11 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein when a state in which the other apparatus is unable to execute a predetermined operation continues for not less than a predetermined time, said main controller instructs said power controller to control said switch to the disconnected state.

Claim 12 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising  
a sensor adapted to sense a specific state,  
wherein said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch on the basis of an output from said sensor.

Claim 13 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising  
an image reader adapted to read an image,  
wherein said sensor ~~senses~~ is configured to sense an operation for starting image read, and said power controller ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch to the connected state on the basis of the output from said sensor.

Claim 14 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said sensor ~~operates~~ is configured to operate by using electric power supplied from the other apparatus.

Claim 15 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said image reader includes one of a press plate and a document feeder, and said sensor ~~senses~~ is configured to sense opening/closure of one of said press plate and said document feeder.

Claim 16 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said image reader comprises an original platen, and said sensor ~~senses~~ is configured to sense that an original is placed on said original platen.

Claim 17 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said image reader comprises a document feeder, and said sensor ~~senses~~ is configured to sense that an original is placed on said document feeder.

Claim 18 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the other apparatus comprises an image output unit.

Claim 19 (original)      An image processing apparatus having a function of connecting to another image processing apparatus including a switch adapted to connect or disconnect a power input unit to or from a power circuit, and a power controller adapted to control said switch, comprising:

        a controller adapted to supply electric power to said power controller of the other image processing apparatus, and control said switch by controlling said power controller.

Claim 20 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said controller ~~determines~~ is configured to determine on the basis of information

given by the other image processing apparatus, whether the other image processing apparatus is able to execute a predetermined operation, and ~~controls~~ is configured to control said power controller on the basis of the determination.

Claim 21 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein when a state in which the other image processing apparatus is unable to execute a predetermined operation continues for not less than a predetermined time, said controller ~~so controls~~ is configured to so control said power controller to set said switch to the disconnected state.

Claim 22 (currently amended)      The image processing apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising an image output unit.

Claim 23 (currently amended)      An image processing system in which first and second image processing apparatuses are connected, wherein said first image processing apparatus comprises:

        a switch adapted to connect or disconnect a power input unit to or from a power circuit; and

        a power controller which ~~operates~~ is configured to operate by using an electric power supplied from said second image processing apparatus, and ~~controls~~ is configured to control said switch on the basis of an instruction given by said second image processing apparatus, and

        said second image processing apparatus comprises a controller adapted to supply electric power to said first image processing apparatus and give an instruction concerning control of said switch to said first image processing apparatus.

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Claim 24 (currently amended)      The ~~apparatus~~ image processing system according to claim 23, wherein said first image processing apparatus has a function of reading an image, and said second image processing apparatus has a function of outputting an image provided by said first image processing apparatus.